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## ALLIES ARE 12 MILES UP THE DARDANELLES

Fort Dardanus on the Asiatic Side Has Been Silenced  
---Weather Retards Work of Allied Fleet

### AGREEMENT TO GIVE RUSSIA FREE PASSAGE

Has Been Reached by Great Britain, France and Russia—  
Russians Preparing New Offensive Operations to Follow Up Their Success in Checking German Advance in Northern Poland—On the Black Sea the Muscovites Have Occupied the Port of Khopa, Considered of Great Military Importance—In France and Belgium Storms Have Hindered Operations.

The operations of the Anglo-French fleet in the Dardanelles have been interrupted again by unfavorable weather, but considerable progress is indicated by an Athens despatch which reports that Fort Dardanus, twelve miles up the straits on the Asiatic side, has been silenced.

That an agreement which will give Russia free passage of the Dardanelles has been reached between Great Britain, France and Russia is the assertion made by a Paris newspaper.

There also are reports of rioting and panic in Constantinople and unsuccessful attempts to assassinate the Turkish ministers of war and the interior.

Details of the recent fighting in the eastern war zone are lacking, but the Russians claim to be preparing new offensive operations to follow up their success in checking the German advance in northern Poland. The Russian army of the Caucasus has occupied the port of Khopa, considered of great military importance to the Turks.

In France and Belgium storms have hindered the operations and there is little to report.

A statement issued by the French government, denying that the Germans have fewer men in the western theater now than in January figures which indicate that there are 1,800,000 Germans in the western theater, and 2,000,000 Germans and Austrians on the eastern front.

The American ambassador at Berlin has received German reply to the American note concerning the naval zone. It is an acceptance with a few modifications of the American proposals.

The plan of Great Britain and her allies whereby they will attempt to cut off supplies from Germany and to leave German ports, has been announced and communicated to the United States. This action is in retaliation for the declaration of Germany of a war zone and while details have not been made public, it is noted that the plan is to work up to an official statement of a blockade of contraband.

It is considered almost certain in official quarters at Washington that a protest will be made against the action of the allied nations, which is regarded as an unprecedented and novel step and one likely to work up to an official statement of a blockade of contraband.

The British parliament has voted the total sum of \$1,810,000,000 asked for by Premier Asquith for the prosecution of the war, covering the cost of the current year up to the end of the present month, and in his speech in the house of commons, the British prime minister after declaring the proposed reprisals of the allies against Germany, made reference to "whispers of peace," saying that it was not time to talk of peace, but that this time would arrive only when the great purposes of the allies were in sight of accomplishment.

NO EASY TASK TO REACH CONSTANTINOPLE.  
Question Dominates Military Situation on Sea and Land.

London, March 1, 10.10 p. m.—The operations of the allied fleet in the Dardanelles, as perhaps pressing quick developments in the Balkan situation, dominates the military situation on sea and land. The more optimistic mind expects a quick fall, but there is a noticeable disposition to realize that the ships face no easy task, notwithstanding the 20-mile range of the super-dreadnought Queen Elizabeth.

Whether any progress has been made since the outer forts were demolished has not been made known officially, a statement issued tonight saying that a gale from the northeast is sweeping rain and mist being it, hindering the operations and mitigating against long range firing and making it extremely hazardous, if not impossible, for aeroplanes to take wing from the ships for observations which are so necessary to direct the fire. The interest which the British people are taking in these operations is evidenced by the frequent official statements regarding them.

HOW GERMAN ARMIES ARE DISTRIBUTED.

2,080,000 Germans and Austrians in East, 1,880,000 Germans in West.

Paris, March 1, 4.14 p. m.—"It is untrue that the Germans have fewer men on the allies front now than they had in January," says an official note which was issued today, dealing with the distribution of German forces on the French and Russian fronts.

"Only one German army corps was taken from the allies front and this was replaced later by other formations. It is true that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's offensive was carried out with strong reinforcements, but these were made up of new formations and those taken from sections along the eastern front."

The German army fought the bat-

### Cable Paragraphs

Gut. Cruz Willing to Surrender.  
Vera Cruz, March 1.—An afternoon paper published a report that Eulalio Gutierrez, former provisional president of the Mexican republic, had accepted the offer of General Gonzalez his willingness to surrender unconditionally to General Carranza.

American Military Attache Recalled.  
Berlin, March 1, via London, 7.40 p. m.—Major George T. Langhorne, military attache at the American embassy in Berlin, has been recalled to Washington for duty with the general staff and was received by the emperor today at a farewell audience. Lieutenant Colonel Joseph E. Kuhn, one of the American army officers who have been observing at the German front, will act as military attache until the arrival of Major Langhorne's successor.

### WOMEN ACTIVE IN BELGIAN RELIEF WORK

Concerted Movement Has Been Begun in New York State.

New York, March 1.—A concerted movement has been begun among the women of New York state active in Belgian relief work. The total number of German corps on the eastern front is 30, to which should be added Austrian forces numbering 22. "On the French front the Germans have 47 army corps. These figures have not varied since December."

An army corps consists of 40,000 men. The figures of the French government indicate that there are 2,080,000 Germans and Austrians on the eastern front, and 1,880,000 Germans on the western front.

It became known today that 2,000 bags of flour valued at \$18,000 consigned to the Harpalayce, sank yesterday. This shipment, it was stated, will be made up from other sources.

### MYSTERIOUS MURDER AND SUICIDE IN PHILADELPHIA

Brought to Light by Mysterious Telephone Call from New York.

Philadelphia, March 1.—A mysterious telephone call from New York tonight inquiring whether there had been an accident at a prominent hotel here, brought to light a mysterious murder and suicide in one of the rooms of the hotel. A couple who had registered as Charles C. St. Clair and wife, New York, were found dead in their apartments and when the man on the New York end was given a description of the dead woman, a German submarine, however, fulfilled none of these obligations; she enjoys no local command of the waters in which she operates; she does not take her captives within the jurisdiction of a prize court; she carries no prize crew which she can put on board a prize; she uses no effective means of defense; she does not receive an enemy vessel; she does not receive on board for safety the crew and passengers of a merchant vessel; her methods of warfare are therefore entirely outside the scope of any international instruments regulating operations at sea. The German declaration substitutes indiscriminate destruction for regulated capture. Germany is adopting the methods of the pirate and the lawless trader and non-combatant vessels with the avowed object of preventing the movement of any kind including food and medicine, from reaching or leaving the British Isles or northern France.

### GERMAN AMBASSADOR NO TMO BE RECALLED.

Secretary Bryan Says Rumors About Count Von Bernstorff are Groundless.

Washington, March 1.—Commenting on a published report that Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, was to be recalled, and another newspaper statement purporting to quote Admiral Dewey of Japan as criticizing the American government for lack of courtesy during his visit here, Secretary Bryan today authorized the following statement:

"I greatly regret that the newspapers should take liberties with persons representing foreign governments in this country."

Mr. Bryan said that the state department had also information concerning the Bernstorff report. He added that he had been assured by a telegram from Admiral Dewey that the report concerning him was groundless.

### COMBINED FLEETS OF ALLIES TO BLOCKADE ENEMIES.

Premier Asquith Says Action is Forced as Measure of Self Defense.

London, March 1, 10.10 p. m.—If the combined fleets of Great Britain and France can prevent it, no commodities of any kind except those now on the seas shall henceforth, until the cessation of the war, reach or leave the shores of Germany.

This is England's answer to Germany's submarine blockade and it is to be effective forthwith.

Premier Asquith, reading from a prepared statement, made the statement in the house of commons this afternoon at a session which will be historic.

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### RAIN AND SNOW HAMPER WAR MOVEMENTS IN FRANCE.

French Statement Claims They Have Maintained Positions.

Paris, March 1, via London, March 2, 12.05 a. m.—The following official communication was issued by the French government tonight:

"Rain and snow storms have hindered operations at many points on the front. In Champagne we repulsed attacks of Meunil, strong counter-attacks and maintained all of our gains of yesterday, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy."

In the same region we have made fresh progress. Near Point-a-Mouton in the forest of Le Pretre, we carried a blockhouse.

At Metz (Salsbery) northwest of Munster (Alsace) we repulsed an attack of considerable strength on Sunday night.

In both affairs we captured prisoners.

"In Merimanne-Wellokopf we have kept the ground gained by us in spite of German counter-attacks."

### British Defence of Warfare at Sea

NOTE VINDICATING BLOCKADE OF GERMAN COMMERCE.

### RETALIATORY MEASURE

A Retaliatory Measure to Counteract Depredations of German Submarines—Seizure of Ships Will Be Made Without Endangering Neutrals.

Washington, March 1.—Following is the full text of the British note, which, that presented by the French ambassador is virtually identical:

"Germany has declared that the English Channel, the north and west coast of France and the waters around the British Isles are a war area and has officially notified that all enemy ships found in that area will be destroyed and that neutral vessels may be exposed to danger. This is in effect a claim to torpedo at sight, without regard to the safety of the crew or passengers. The British government will not acquiesce in this. It is not in the power of the German admiralty to maintain any surface craft in these waters, the attack will be delivered by submarine agency."

### Treatment of Merchant Vessels.

"The law and custom of nations in regard to attacks on commerce have always presumed that the first duty of the captor of a merchant vessel is to bring it to a port of call where it may be tried, where the regularity of the capture may be challenged and where neutrals may recover their cargo. The sinking of prizes in itself a questionable act to be resorted to only in extraordinary circumstances and after provision has been made for the safety of the crew and passengers. If there are passengers on board, the responsibility for discriminating between neutral and enemy vessels and between neutral and enemy cargo, obviously rests with the attacking ship, whose duty it is to bring it to a port of call where it may be tried, where the regularity of the capture may be challenged and where neutrals may recover their cargo. 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